**Absolute Rating** Excellent Improvement Rating Excellent

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 5. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from average to excellent.

### **RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD**

Improvement Rating Absolute Rating Excellent 2001 Excellent 2002 2003 2004

## PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate Pupil – Teacher Ratio Percent of parents attending conferences Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	95% 10 to 1 91% 5.6
Type of accreditation (More than one may apply)	Not pursuing accreditation Conducting a self-study  XState Department of Education  XSouthern Association of Colleges and Schools  XNational Association for the Education of Young Children
	American Montessori Society

# **SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	From	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
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Dollars spent per student	\$6,951	N/A	\$6,951	\$5,569
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Down from 95.7%	91.5%	89.6%
<ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio</li> </ul>	10.2 to 1	N/A	13.6 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=256)				
Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 96.2%	95.7%	95.7%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	93.6%	98.0%	98.2%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	5.9%	Down from 9.4%	5.9%	5.9%
TEACHERS (n=26)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	7.2 Days	Up from 5.5	7.3 Days	7.9 Days
Attendance Rate	97.8%	Down from 99.8%	94.6%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	53.8%	Up from 43.5%	53.8%	40.9%
Continuing contract teachers	88.5%	Up from 60.9%	88.5%	81.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.2%	Down from 91.4%	85.4%	87.4%
Average teacher salary	\$38,129	Up 13.9%	\$37,350	\$36,605

## **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our School		From	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	61.8%	N/A	61.8%	66.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	0.5	N/A	1.0	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	91.4%	N/A	90.0%	94.5%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
Older than usual for grade	N/A	N/A	2.0%	0.5%
Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	0
With disabilities     other than speech	5.9%	Down from 11.3%	5.9%	2.6%



# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Cone Primary School is a small inner-city school located in the western part of Greenville County. The school has the distinction of being the only primary school in the School District of Greenville County that offers a unique combination to address the needs of students in 4K to Grade 2.

With the resources provided through the state's First Steps Initiative, Early Childhood Education, and the Title I Schoolwide Program, Cone Primary School continues its efforts in implementing the Education Plan adopted by the School District of Greenville County. As with most schools in the state of South Carolina, Cone Primary School faces many challenges that are specific to the community it serves. However, we feel that by offering a rigorous, research-based curriculum, using the best teacher practices, increasing parental involvement, and ensuring quality personnel in all positions, Cone's overall school effectiveness will be improved and student achievement raised. We are very excited about the possibilities of what can be!

On July 1, 2001, Cone's leadership changed and the data reported in this report card has been generated from the 2000-2001 school year. Since July 1, much work has been done by the new administration, the faculty and staff to move Cone forward, and to ensure that all students receive the best primary education that can be provided. Therefore, we have "raised the bar" on student achievement. We encourage the parents and the community to become stakeholders and partners in making the vision for Cone a reality. The beautiful children, who attend Cone Primary School, deserve our very best and we intend to give them our very best.

Cone's Vision: "Striving to become the best primary school in South Carolina"

Scarlet H. Black Principal Cone Primary School Greenville. South Carolina

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	59.1	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	36.0	N/A	, ,
Satisfied with home-school relations	32.0	N/A	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

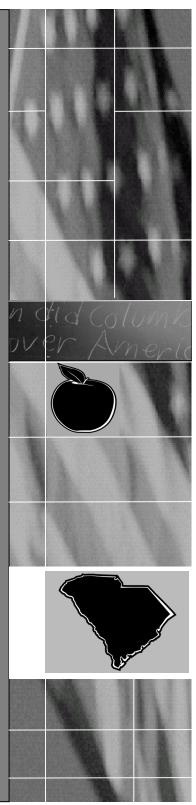
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



Cone Elementary 500 Gridley Street Greenville.SC 29609

**Grades** K-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 256 Students

**Principal** 

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Superintendent

William E. Harner 864-241-3458

**Board Chair** 

Roger D. Meek 864-233-8567

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card 2001

School Grade: Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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